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Reply to Office action of 2/9/2005

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments To The Title:

Please amend page 1, lines 1-3 as follows:

~~OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL HEAD, OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING~~
~~APPARATUS AND OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING METHOD MEDIUM~~
WITH MULTIPLE RECORDING LAYERS

Amendments To The Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 27, line 37 to page 28, line 13 as follows:

The base material thickness for the recording layer A (that is, the distance from the surface 121s on a side where the laser beam 123 is incident to the recording layer A) is denoted by "a" in Fig. 12A. The base material thicknesses for the recording layers B and C (that is, the distances from the surface 122s to the recording layers B and C) are denoted respectively by "b" and "c" in Fig. 12B. In the optical recording/reproducing apparatus of Embodiment 5, one base material thickness of the second optical recording medium 122 (i.e. "b" or "c") is equivalent to the base material thickness "a". Fig. 12A illustrates the case that the base material thickness "a" is equivalent to the base material thickness "b". These base material thicknesses are the total thickness of the substrate and the layers formed between the substrate and the recording layer (such as a UV cured resin). The recording layer is made of a phase-changing material whose refractive index changes when a phase change between the crystalline phase and the non-crystalline phase occurs.

Amendment To The Abstract:

Please amend page 44 as follows (on next page).